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## NOTIFICATION

With the approval of the State Government, the following guidelines/criteria for implementation of the Nar Bahadur Bhandari Fellowship Scheme (NBBF scheme) launched on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

1. The scheme shall provide financial assistance annually to two meritorious students who secure admission in Masters Course in one of the top 20 Universities.
2. The ranking of the University shall be ascertained from the list published by the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) world university ranking every year.
3. The student selected under this scheme shall be conferred with the title of "Nar Bahadur Bhandari Fellow".
4. The Scheme shall be open to any and every one hailing from Sikkim having COI/SSC who secures admission in any of the world's top 20 Universities.
5. There shall be an upper ceiling of Rupees Fifty Lakhs (Rs. 50,00,000) per candidate for the entire course which will cover expenses towards tuitions, boarding and lodging on the University campus and one set of to and fro travel from Sikkim to the country of study by economy class. The tuition fees shall be paid directly to the concerned University.
6. Selected candidates will have to sign a bond with the State Government attesting that the selected course will be completed by them. In case of non-completion of the course by the selected candidate owing to any issues, the candidate will be liable to refund the entire amount of the scholarship sanctioned.
7. Further in an endeavour to give back to the State Government and disseminate knowledge acquired by them through this scheme, the selected candidates shall serve the State Government for a period of three (03) years on a contractual basis. The candidates shall serve at the discretion of the State Government.
8. The candidates will be paid a monthly honorarium of Rs. One lakh (Rs. 1,00,000/-) during the period of their contractual service.

9. The course opted for by the candidate should hold relevance and be beneficial to the State and be centered on good governance and public administration.
10. Candidates securing admission for courses such as Master in Business Administration (MBA), Languages, Management courses and Technical courses shall not be eligible to avail the scholarship.
11. The scheme shall be operated by the Education Department with a dedicated budget head for this purpose.
12. Any un-disbursed amount in a particular year shall be added to the overall pool of resources in subsequent years.
13. The candidates can be selected post an interview by the Selection Committee comprising the following:-
  - i) Chief Secretary - Chairman
  - ii) Secretary-in charge of Finance Department - Member
  - iii) Secretary-in charge of Education Department - Member
  - iv) Director, Higher and Technical Education - Member Secretary

This Notification is in supersession to Notification No: 12/Dir(HE)/Edn dated 22/02/2021.

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